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SUBJECT: DRV DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA

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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOZ RECOGNIZES BOTH DRV AND GVN. IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZES PRG AND HAS NO APPARENT INTENTION OF DOING SO. ONE REASON IS IT OPPOSES ON PRINCIPLE ENCOURAGEMENT OF REBELLIONS AND BREAK-AWAY REGIMES WITH WHICH ZAIRE ITSELF WAS PLAGUED FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER, UNDER PRESSURE FROM NONALIGNED AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES GOZ HAS BEEN WOBBLY ON QUESTION OF PRG REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. FOR EXAMPLE, IT AGREED TO OPPOSE PRG ADMISSION TO LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS, BUT TWICE ABSTAINED IN GENEVA ON QUESTION OF PRG ADMISSION, FIRST TO LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE, AND THEN TO PROJECTED ICRC FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE.

2. AS MOBUTU TOLD GVN DELEGATION LAST MAY (REF B), ZAIRE WANTS TO AVOID BECOMING INVOLVED IN VIETNAM'S QUARRELS. HIGH RANKING DEPTFONAFF SOURCE REMARKED TO
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POL COUNSELOR RECENTLY THAT RECOGNITION OF BOTH VIETNAMS

HAD RESULTED IN EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH,
BUT THAT PRG ISSUE CREATES ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR
ZAIRE BECAUSE OF NEED TO MAINTAIN NONALIGNED CREDENTIALS.
DECISIONS IN INDIVIDUAL CASES OFTEN HAVE TO BE REFERRED
TO HIGHEST LEVEL.

3. THUS, GOZ TIES WITH FVN APPEAR FIRM, BUT GOZ SUPPORT
FOR GVN (AND US) ON PRG ISSUE IN INTERNATIONAL CONFER-
ENCES LIKELY TO REMAIN UNCERTAIN. AMBASSADOR WILL, IN
UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH FONMIN, ENCOURAGE ZAIER TO
CONTINUE TO OPPOSE EFFORTS OF PRG TO ENHANCE ITS STATUS.
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